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CHANGE IN ACCESS HOURS AT WASHINGTON COUNTY RESERVOIRS

Hurricane – Due to reduced staffing and the efforts required to contain Quagga mussels at Sand Hollow Reservoir, fall and winter boating access hours at state park reservoirs in Washington County will be reduced.

Sand Hollow Reservoir: Winter park hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Availability of boat washing facilities will be determined by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Quail Creek Reservoir: Winter park hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekday boat ramp access from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend boat ramp access from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., through October. Hours subject to change depending on weather and available staff.

Gunlock Reservoir: Winter park hours. Ramp open weekends in October, plus October 14 and 15 (UEA). Closed November through February.

Utah law requires inspection of all watercraft prior to launching at these reservoirs to prevent contamination of our water resources. Washington County waters are extremely vulnerable to infestation through transfer of mussels or water from infested waters, particularly Lake Mead and other lakes on the Lower Colorado River.

Quagga mussel infestation has an enormous impact on boating, fishing, and water resources. Utah State Parks and Recreation, Division of Wildlife Resources and the Washington County Water Conservancy District appreciate public cooperation in preventing the spread of invasive species in Utah waters.

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